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SYRIANS RENEW FIRING ON ISRAELI WORKERS; U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE GOES TO SCENE

TEL AVIV, May 3. (JTA) -- Syrian forces on the Israeli-Syrian frontier today reopened fire on Israeli workers engaged in drainage work north of Ein Gev. Although the firing occurred during the morning and late afternoon, no Israeli workers were reported hit. United Nations observers left for the troubled area to set the facts on the spot.

The situation in the Shemalim Valley where the Syrian invasion of yesterday was repulsed by a strong Israeli counterattack was today reported as "slightly eased." An Israeli Army spokesman today revealed that the bodies of 20 Syrians, most of them regular army men, were found today on Israeli territory west of the boundary in the demilitarized zone. He said that Syrian casualties, both regular army and irregular, appeared to be heavy but there was no way of getting exact information about them. The Syrians appear to have withdrawn behind their own border in this area.

The American military attache in Tel Aviv left today for the scene of the fighting. It was reported that American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis called at the Foreign Ministry to ask for information on the latest developments in the border fighting.

A message from acting truce supervisor Col. Bennet de Hilder to Col. Shaul Ramati, Israeli chief delegate on the Mixed Armistice Commission, today asked that Gen. Yizal Yadin, Israeli Army Chief of Staff, issue orders to the Israeli troops to cease firing. Gen. Yadin replied through Col. Ramati to the effect that the Israeli troops were instructed not to fire on the Syrians unless the Arabs opened fire first, but pointed out that Israeli forces west of the demilitarized zone were still under enemy fire. He then asked the U.N. official whether he had ordered the Syrians to cease fire yesterday and again today, particularly since the Syrians were still using artillery and mortars against the Jews.

The evening press reports that U.N. observers from Damascus reached the troubled area this morning and entered the demilitarized zone. These reports add that the U.N. observers urged the Syrians to withdraw one kilometer behind the Israeli-Syrian border.

Israel Is Entitled to Drain Huleh Swamps, U.N. Truce Chief Testifies

LAKE SUCCESS, May 3. (JTA) -- The United Nations headquarters received a cable from Col. de Hilder, acting chief of the U.N. Truce Commission in Palestine, saying that U.N. observers in Israeli territory reported that three Israeli soldiers were killed and one wounded in yesterday's fighting.

Testifying at Lake Success, Maj. Gen. William Riley, chief of the Truce Commission, told the U.N. Security Council last night that if Israel could drain the Huleh swamps on the Syrian border without violating the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement and without interfering with the restoration of normal civilian life in that area, then Syria could not rightfully object.

PREMIER BEN GURION LANDS IN WASHINGTON; PLEDGES FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 3. (JTA) -- Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion alighted from an El Al Israel Airlines Constellation at the U.S. military air transport service terminal here this morning, marking his first visit to the U.S. as Premier of the Jewish state and the first flight of a plane bearing the Star of David to Washington. The plane landed at the same runway used by President Truman, the late President Roosevelt, and high American officials.

The Israel Prime Minister pledged to the reception committee of American officials, Israel diplomats and prominent Jewish leaders that the people of Israel "are willing to defend human liberty at all times and with all our capacity." He said "Israel is seeking to demonstrate to other lands in its region the effectiveness of democracy as a system of government and an instrument of national progress and welfare of the individual."

Mr. Ben Gurion told the press that he brought to America "the warm greetings of the people of Israel and our gratitude for the unfailing sympathy of America with our efforts for independence and regeneration." His wife stood at his side as they left the airport. A detachment of U.S. troops was on hand as a special guard for the Premier. John F. Simmons of the State Department protocol division greeted Ben Gurion on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Pays Special Tribute to Truman; Escorted by Police Motorcycles to Hotel

Asserting that the friendship between the U.S. and Israel "is rooted deep in common spiritual heritage," Mr. Ben Gurion paid special tribute to President Truman. He recalled Mr. Truman's "memorable support" and the support of the government and people of the U.S. in the rebirth of Israel. The Israel Premier said the U.S. made two vital contributions to modern civilization and named these contributions as democratic freedom and scientific progress. "By the use of these two instruments you have ensured the highest standard of living man has ever known," he said. "The attainment of that goal by those methods is the task which we in Israel have set ourselves."

Comparing the recent history of Israel with the early history of the U.S., Mr. Ben Gurion said that a "spirit of pioneering is shared by both our peoples." He emphasized that the "guiding purpose" of Israel is to provide a home for all Jews who come and that the Jewish state, like the U.S. in earlier days, has opened its gates and admitted 600,000 immigrants in the last three years.

"Israel is now confronted with the pioneering task of restoring its wastelands and bringing cultivation and progress to areas that have been derelict for centuries," he declared. "We are now engaged in a constructive endeavor which will tax all our energies for a long time to come. We desire to restore to the Holy Land its former glory and to build a free and democratic civilization worthy of our ancient prophets and embodying the latest achievements of modern science."

The Prime Minister's party, consisting of four official cars, was escorted by a police motorcycle unit to the Shoreham Hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion will spend the next few days. While in Washington, the Israel Prime Minister will meet with President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary of Defense Marshall, Presidential Assistant W. Averell Harriman, and other government leaders. At his first appointment today, Ben Gurion was a luncheon guest of Assistant Secretary George McGhee at Prospect House where distinguished visitors are entertained by this government. He will lunch with President Truman at Blair House tomorrow.

Jews in New York Vow Never to Forget Nazi Atrocities Against Jewish People

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- A vow "never to forget" the unspeakable crimes perpetrated by Nazi Germany against humanity and the Jewish people was taken here tonight by several thousand Jews at a memorial meeting for the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis.

The meeting, held at the Hotel Astor, was called by the Jewish National Fund of America in conformity with an act of the Israel Parliament proclaiming the 27th day of the Jewish month of Nissan--which this year falls on May 3rd--as a memorial day and asking that it be observed by all Jewish communities throughout the world in commemoration of the Jewish martyrs of the ghettos and concentration camps.

Principal speakers at the meeting included Israel Minister of Interior Moshe Shapiro, Congressman Emanuel Celler, Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the J.N.F. of America, and Mendel Fischer, J.N.F. executive director. A touching scene was enacted when 14 representatives of 14 Jewish communities that were exterminated by the Hitler fury each stepped up to the platform in single file to light a single candle in a 14-branch candelabra in memory of the destroyed Jewish communities. The audience pledged "to keep green the memory of the martyrs" by planting trees in the "Forest of Six Million" in Israel.

(In Jerusalem, a ceremony commemorating the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of Nazi barbarism was held today at Mt. Zion where an eternal lamp was lighted. Memorial meetings were held in all Israeli towns and in numerous settlements.)

Argentine Jews Protest Against Leniency Shown to Nazi War Criminals in Germany

BUENOS AIRES, May 3. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, has addressed a memorandum to the Argentine Parliament in behalf of the Jewish community of this country against the leniency being shown to Nazi war criminals in Germany.

A similar statement was handed to the Ambassadors here of the United States, Britain, France and the U.S.S.R. It was also submitted to the United Nations through the Argentine section of the World Jewish Congress. A public meeting to protest the commutation of sentence of war criminals is scheduled to be held soon.

Meanwhile, Dr. Moises Goldmann, honorary president of the DAIA and temporarily in charge of the Latin American office of the World Jewish Congress, called on French Ambassador Guillaume Georges Picot to urge justice for Jews and German reparations payments for Israel. He also informed the French envoy that Argentine Foreign Minister Eippolito J. Paz had been asked to intervene in behalf of the Jews of Iraq.

Revisionists in Germany Decide to Cease Their Publication; Appeared Since 1945

MUNICH, May 3. (JTA) -- A decision to cease publication of the Revisionist weekly "Unser Welt" was adopted here today by local Revisionist leaders in consultation with Meir Grossman, World Revisionist leader and economic director of the Jewish Agency, who arrived here today from Stockholm.

Two more issues of the magazine will appear and it will close after the publication of the 250th issue. It has been edited in Paris and published here since 1945. Mr. Grossman, who has already visited France, Sweden, Denmark and Germany on his current tour, is still due to stop off in Belgium and England before he returns to Israel.

U.J.A. CONFERENCE VOTES PLANS TO STIMULATE COMPLETION OF SPRING DRIVES BY END OF MAY

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- Plans to stimulate completion of spring drives in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal before the end of May were voted here yesterday at a special East Coast regional U.J.A. conference attended by 150 Jewish leaders from seven seaboard states.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the U.J.A., who addressed the conference at the Plaza Hotel here, reported that 1,100 communities were currently conducting drives in behalf of the U.J.A. He said that funds are desperately needed to move tens of thousands of Iraqi Jews before the May 31 deadline and that 100,000 Jews must be brought to Israel from other lands before the end of July. The leaders attending the conference came from cities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Eastern Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Virginia.

ISRAEL MINISTER IMPRESSED WITH INTEREST OF AMERICAN JEWS TOWARDS THE JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- The belief that the Religious Bloc in Israel will be fully revived during the forthcoming parliamentary elections there and that the dissident Iamifesh group will rejoin the ranks of the Mizrachi Laborite Party was expressed here today by Moshe Shapiro, member of the Israel Cabinet and leader of the Mizrachi Laborites in the Jewish state.

Mr. Shapiro, who is returning to Israel on May 14, said that he was greatly impressed with the interest which American Jews are displaying towards the Jewish state. "I was especially impressed with the serious attitude of American Jewry towards the economic problems in Israel. I hope that the Israeli Bond Drive will succeed in this country and that the United Jewish Appeal will raise more funds this year than in 1950," Minister Shapiro said.

KRAN, CANTOR, BAYNE HONORED FOR AIDING HEBREW CHAIR AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador Abba S. Eban, Eddie Cantor and George Bayne, Dean Emeritus of the New York University School of Education, were honored tonight at a dinner on behalf of the New York University Chair of Hebrew Culture and Education. Maximilian Moes, president of the New York City Board of Education, presided at the affair which was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The proceeds of the dinner will go towards the drive to raise \$250,000 to endow the New York University Chair of Culture and Education in perpetuity, by agreement with the authorities of the University.

The citation to Ambassador Eban was presented by Prof. Abraham I. Katsh in appreciation of Eban's effort "in building a cultural bridge between the United States and the new state of Israel." The citation to Mr. Cantor was presented for "his outstanding humanitarian efforts to foster mutual understanding among all peoples." Bayne was awarded the citation for "his pioneering contribution to the Chair of Hebrew Culture And Education at the University." The Chair offers 23 courses in the Hebrew language, education and Jewish culture to students of all races and religious backgrounds.

CRITICS OF LEADING AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS RECOMMEND "THE WALL" FOR PULITZER PRIZE

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- The critics of leading American newspapers have selected John Hersey's "The Wall," a novel of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943, as most deserving of the Pulitzer Prize in fiction this year. The poll was conducted by the Saturday Review of Literature. The Pulitzer awards will be announced next week.

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